

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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REDUCTION IN PRICES OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to reduce the prices of chemicals and fertilizers in the wake of fall in the prices of oil in the international market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be done; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): As far as the prices of urea, the maximum retail price (MRP) of which is statutorily notified, and of decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers, MRPs of which are indicated by the Government, there is no proposal at present to reduce the prices. Despite fall in prices of oil in the international market, there is only marginal reduction in cost of production of fertilizers and Government continues to pay heavy subsidy/concession on fertilizers.

Since the chemicals are decontrolled, the Government does not fix their prices.